

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

Vereniging voor de Bakkerij- en Zoetwarenindustrie (VBZ)

Corporate Website Address

<http://www.vbz.nl>

Primary Activity or Product

- Affiliate Member
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
8-0132-12-000-00	Affiliate	Organisations

Affiliates/Supply Chain Associate

Operational Profile

1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

VBZ is the Association of the Dutch Bakery and Confectionery industry. With our services VBZ aspires to create a sustainable and optimal climate for her members.

VBZ is the spokesman for the Dutch bakery and confectionery industry. We maintain relationships with the Dutch Government, NGO's, the association of the Dutch Food Industry (FNLI), the European association of the Confectionery industry (Caobisco), the association of the Dutch retail organizations and labour organizations.

Actual examples includes social issues as child labour in the cacao industry, working conditions and the collective labour agreement for the confectionery industry. Other relevant issues are food quality and health & nutrition.

Furthermore, VBZ offers many tools to help her members. With risk reducing checklists, for example VBZ provides a tool to create a safe working environment and an optimal assurance package, other tools include a toolkit for sustainability, a toolkit for human resources, logistic efficiency, World Class Manufacturing and reformulation of products (less salt, saturated fat etc.).

At the website of VBZ members can freely download all the (actual) information VBZ provides for them. Finally, schooling programs which are made in agreement with the unions and are obliged, are available for a better performance of employers.

1.2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Promoting sustainable palm oil via VBZ member events, VBZ newsletter, direct contact with members and the VBZ sustainability toolkit (Barometer Duurzame Bakkerij en Zoetwaren http://www.milieukeur.nl/Public/Barometer_Duurzame_Bakkerij_en_Zoetwaren_Schema/BDBZOverzichtmaatregelen.pdf). Participating in the Dutch Taskforce Sustainable Palmoil:

www.taskforceduurzamepalmolie.nl Click here to visit the URL.

Contact with suppliers and customers organisations and promoting sustainable palm oil. Special attention for Group certification for companies that use less than 500 MT palm oil.

1.3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

If yes, please give details:

See the previous question.

If not, please explain why:

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1.4. Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.5. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

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1.6. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Financing from own resources

Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Active participation in the Dutch Taskforce Duurzame Palmolie (Sustainable Palm Oil). Maintaining and reinforcing close cooperation with suppliers, retailers and customers organisations. Keeping close contact with our members and promote them to achieve 100% sustainable palm oil and helping them to solve problems that can obstruct this goal.

Challenges

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

It's much more difficult to achieve certified sustainable palm oil for compound ingredients that are available in very small amounts in products.

It's important that the market asks for sustainable palm oil and that the option for sustainability (book&claim, mass balance, segregated) is available in the market. It's therefore important to have more and more parties engaged in the RSPO. We keep close contact with the parties that are important to achieve our sector goal for 100% sustainable palm oil in 2015.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:

Yes

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

Yes

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

Most important is the business to business education. See previous questions.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

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